

State Institutions Hold 29,867 Persons, Report Discloses

The population of California institutions on the first day of last month totaled 29,867, representing overcrowding of nearly 14 per cent, Dr. F. O. Butler, acting director of institutions, reported this week. Male inmates numbered 15,846 and females, 14,021.

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Meat Dealer Assessed \$100 In OPA Crackdown

Charged with violation of OPA regulations, charging two patrons in excess of his posted ceiling prices for pork chops on Dec. 10, Frank Tiscareno, general manager of Tiscareno Bros., operators of the meat department at the Ideal Ranch Market, paid each of the women-plaintiffs \$50 after a court hearing last Friday morning.

Tiscareno, who pleaded guilty but declared he was uncertain of the OPA rules when they conflicted with the rising wholesale cost of meat and allowed no provision for passing on this increased price, offered to donate an additional \$50 if the plaintiffs would "show their patriotic spirit" by giving their \$100 to the U. S. O. Neither replied to the offer.

The plaintiffs, who had been persuaded by Mahlon Klein, OPA investigator, to file complaints against Tiscareno, were Mrs. Francis Peronto of 2227 Arlington ave., and Mrs. Audrey Her-

OPA Blamed For Driving Out Stores

Scores of stores are going out of business each month, according to Fred A. Baughan, president and general manager of the Los Angeles Retail Food Dealers Association, who declared:

"A merchant just can't buy what he needs, and he can't purchase what is available at wholesale ceilings and sell under retail ceilings and keep his doors open very long."

Baughan, who just returned from Washington, where he was active in the fight against the growing mass of OPA regulations, pointed to figures which show that 332 grocery stores in Los Angeles county went out of business during August, September and October.

"If this situation keeps up," he contended, "it may lead to the establishment of government commissaries."

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"It looks to me that if I don't get the OPA's permission to meet these rising costs I will have to close my meat department. It may sound funny, but the more meat business I do now the more money I lose. I can find no other alternative and I'd like to point out that I have been the only dealer that has had any meat to sell in Torrance of any variety for the past two months," Tiscareno concluded.

The meat dealer asserted after the trial that he and other meat dealers are facing bankruptcy because of the increasing wholesale cost of meats which, because of OPA regulations, they are as yet not allowed to pass on to the consumers. He said, in part:

"Here are some comparative wholesale prices, the first as of March 1942 when the price ceilings were set and the second the amount I have to pay today: steers, 18 cents, now 24 cents or 25 per cent more; veal, 19 cents, today 25 cents or 24 per cent more; mutton, 11 cents, today 14 cents or 28 per cent; pork loins, 27 cents, today 33 cents or 18 per cent more; bacon, 27 cents, today 35 cents or 26 per cent and other meats in proportion.

May Have to Close
"For the last three months I have been hiring a truck and truck driver to bring me meats direct from packing houses in Los Angeles at \$15 per trip. My books prove that we are now paying up to 25 per cent more for meats than of March 1942. I have called the OPA many

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Frank "Spike" Laski, former captain in charge of the Lomita fire department will soon be back on his job as a member of the Los Angeles county fire fighting forces and the chances are very good that eventually, if not on Jan. 1, he will resume his duties as captain of the Lomita squad.

These facts were disclosed yesterday when The News was informed that Laski has his release from the United States Navy and will soon be back in the department. Certain routine matters have to be ironed out before Laski is assigned back to Lomita, according to Battalion Chief W. B. Klingler, who is in charge of this division.

Because of Laski's long experience and training in fire fighting and his aptitude for handling personnel, it was decided that he would be of more value as a fire fighter than doing shore duty in the Navy. Laski retired from the Navy several years ago and settled down in Lomita as a member of the fire department. He made a fine record and numbers almost everyone in the community as his friend.

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duty to any station in the country, but of course would be happy to return to his old post in Lomita.

This will likely be arranged, as soon as the county board of supervisors adopt the necessary resolution for the return to duty of men who have been on military leave. This will make necessary the transfer of Capt. Max Files, who has served in a highly capable manner in the job.

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Nursery Group Seeks Location In Torrance

Charles Cerney and P. Olson, W. P. A. representatives, told the executive board of the Torrance Community Committee for Child Care at the meeting last Friday at City Hall that immediate war necessity demanded speedy completion of a workable all-inclusive program for this community. Particularly is this true now, since liquidation of W. P. A. is in the immediate offing and unless prompt application for funds is made delays are apt to be encountered.

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12 Patients Enter Hospital

Twelve patients entered Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: John Astor, Los Angeles, who entered last Friday for medical care; Lee Ross Davis, Hermosa Beach, Saturday for surgery; Calvin Eble, Wilmington, last Wednesday for surgery; and Pat Eggleston, Lomita, last Friday for medical care.

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Ray Cheek on All-City Team

In addition to being named for the second year on the All-Marine League grid team, Ray Cheek of Narbonne was selected for blocking back on the first All-City team announced late last week. Pat Huffine, another Gaucho who was given the center berth on the All-Marine, was named for that spot on the third All-City selection.

No Torrance player was named on the All-City honor list but Wallace Post made the All-Marine and Charles Rippey and Dave Wilkes were given positions on the second All-Marine squad.

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Draft Board Aids Enlistees

Altho Selective Service Board No. 289 has been notified by the Navy and Marines that their current quotas of new recruits have been filled and no enlistments will be accepted until after Jan. 1, the Board is issuing the necessary papers to those who desire to enter the Army air corps or coast guard, it was learned yesterday.

This service is expected to continue until Feb. 1 when arrangements are expected to be complete to apportion regular draft calls among the various armed forces. Applicants for enlistment are being provided with an induction notice, physical chart and other papers and sent to nearby recruiting offices.

Under new regulations, 1-A men who volunteer for other armed forces and are turned down for any reason are im-

mediately eligible for the next draft call.

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HOLIDAY FAVORITES
MIXED NUTS lb. **32c**
Fancy assortment of popular varieties.
PECANS lb. **27c**
Soft shell pecans—in California log.
WALNUTS lb. **35c**
Large Diamond banded walnuts. Fancy grade.

Most of the delicacies that are traditional at Christmas time are still available at your Safeway store. Come in early and make your selections.

PRIME YOUNG TURKEYS
TOMS AND HENS
16 lbs. or less **46c** PER LB.
BETWEEN 16 lbs. and 20 lbs. **44c** PER LB.
20 lbs. or more **42c** PER LB.

—OTHER HOLIDAY POULTRY—
NEW YORK STYLE ROASTERS **42c**
FRIES & HENS **63c**
FANCY DUCKLINGS **37c**

CANNED FOODS
Grapefruit Dromedary Brand No. 2 **15c**
Grapefruit Juice Town House Brand No. 2 **10c**
Tomatoes Gardendale Brand No. 2 1/2 **13c**
Queen Olives Los Olivos 4-oz. jar **15c**
Jumbo Olives Elsinore Brand 8 1/2-oz. jar **25c**

DRIED & GLACED FRUITS
California Currants 11-oz. pkg. **12c**
Seeded Raisins 15-oz. pkg. **13c**
Seedless Raisins 15-oz. pkg. **11c**
Glaced Cherries Venus Brand 4-oz. jar **15c**
Venus Citron Peel Glaced Pineapple, 4-ounce package **15c**
Venus Orange Peel 4-oz. jar **17c**

FRUIT CAKE 15-oz. size **30c**
Grandma or Dally Madson Brand.

MAYONNAISE 12-oz. jar **29c**
NuMade Brand. Improves all salads.

BARTLETT PEARS 24-oz. jar **24c**
Harper House Brand, choice quality.

JELL-WELL DESSERTS Assorted gelatins and puddings. **5c** per pkg.

CAMAY SOAP 3 bars for **20c**
The soap of beautiful women.

LUX FLAKES 12 1/2-oz. pkg. **23c**
Use Lux for laundering fine fabrics.

SU-PURB SOAP 24-oz. pkg. **21c**
Granulated. Kind to your hands.

RINSO SOAP 24-oz. pkg. **23c**
Anti-sweeze soap for laundry, dishes.

PHILIP MORRIS 2 1/2-oz. pack of 20 **29c**
Quality cigarettes. (\$1.38 per carton)

CIGARETTES 2 1/2-oz. pack of 20 **27c**
Camels, Chesterfields, Lucky Strikes, Old Golds, Kools, Raleighs, 20 Grand Imperials. (\$1.33 per carton) Prices include 1/2c per pkg. Federal tax.

SAUCE AND OILS
Cocktail Sauce Snider Brand 11-oz. bottle **19c**
Mayday Oil Pure Vegetable Oil (quart jar, 47c) **24c**
Jewel Salad Oil (quart jar, 47c) **27c**

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Airway Coffee Ground to order 1-lb. bag **20c**
Edwards Coffee Ground to order at time of purchase 1-lb. bag **24c**
Maxwell House Regular or Drip Grind Coffee 1-lb. jar **32c**
Peanut Butter Beverly Brand (12-pound jar, 59c) 1-lb. jar **32c**
Spry Shortening Triple Creamed 1-lb. jar **25c**
Friskies Dog Food (14 1/2-pound package, 45c) 2-lb. jar **21c**

SOAP VALUES
Dash Soap 3 1/2-oz. pkg. **26c**
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SWEET POTATOES Smooth and uniform. Perfect to bake or candy. **lb. 9c**
RED YAMS Porto Rican variety. Bake sweet and moist.

CRISP CELERY Utah type. Green, tender. lb. **13c**
NAVEL ORANGES Sweet, seedless oranges. lb. **7c**
GRAPEFRUIT Thin-skinned and juicy. lb. **4c**

WINTER PEARS Winter Nells variety. lb. **7 1/2c**
ROME BEAUTIES Nice apples to bake. lb. **8 1/2c**
WINESAPS Red, crisp. For Christmas. lb. **9c**

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